

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, MAY 6.

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Advertisements for The New-York Tribune ought to be handed in to the publication office before 10 o'clock in the evening to insure their publication the next day.

Democratic Whig General Committee.—A regular meeting of this Committee will be held at the Broadway House, on TUESDAY evening, May 7, 1850, at 8 o'clock. By order, N. BOWDITCH BLUNT, Chairman.

WELCOME R. BROWN, Secretary.

C. Y. WELLES.

Labor Reform.—The Cloud no Bigger than a Man's Hand.

It is now something over three years since a few poor workmen, mainly Bakers, of our City, united to establish a Union Bakery on Protective and Republican principles. They scraped together a capital of \$400 to begin with, by paying a small sum each for the privileges of membership, agreed to pay a trifle periodically to constitute a common fund out of which any such member receives four dollars per week, while, should one die, \$30 are allowed for his funeral expenses, and \$25 in case of the death of his wife. The Union makes no dividends, but supplies its members with Bread of all kinds at the naked cost of the material and baking, increasing or decreasing the size of the loaf according to the rise and fall of flour, striking a rate every Monday and posting it up, so that each customer may know exactly how much he is entitled to for his money.

This Union has received of its members for initiation fees \$787; for dues, \$543; of which latter sum it has repaid \$405 in the shape of relief to twenty-four sick, and burial expenses of one deceased member and incidental expenses. On such a slender pecuniary basis, it has gone steadily forward, and is still expanding. Its active capital is now \$846, beside \$150 subject to repayment. Its receipts for Bread in the first week of April, '48, were \$86; for the last week in April, 1850, they were \$698. It now gives steady employment to fourteen persons, (men, women and boys,) and pays them \$118 weekly; the highest wages being \$13 50 per week, the lowest \$3 50. The concern now owns horses, carts, &c. worth \$1,562,—and its net profits from the commencement are rated at \$1,339; from which say ten per cent. should be deducted for depreciation of fixtures by use. Its total receipts up to the 30th of April, 1850, were \$49,010 48; Expenditures \$48,656 53; Balance in hand, \$353 95—not a great sum nor a great business, certainly; but how many Governments can show as healthy a state of finances for the last three years?

—All this will seem to many a small matter; to us it appears full of consequence and of promise. It is the work of laborers, with very slender means, and though it gives steady employment as yet to but fourteen persons, it affords security against extreme want to all the associates. These fourteen have steady employment, and a moral certainty of its continuance; they call no man master, and are paid according to their actual earnings, fairly ascertained and determined. And the business is still increasing, and capable of indefinite increase. Already we hear of negotiations to organize another Bakery on the same principles; and ere long we hope to see the entire Baking business of our City organized on the same basis, so that the workers shall no longer underbid and depress each other, no longer skulk from cellar to cellar, begging employment at any rate which will afford them a pinched existence, and working thirteen to fifteen hours, including nearly all night, at the caprice of employers. Were the Baking business thoroughly organized on the principle of Work its own Master, we should have all bread in the oven by 8 or at farthest 9 P. M., and the Bakers at liberty till 10 or 11 next morning. And this is bound to come.

—But why all this talk about Bakers? They are but a small class any how. Simply, Sir, because all the Workers for Wages are in the same boat. The Bakers have been, as a body, overworked, underpaid, and made to work at most unseasonable hours; but so have thousands beside. This little experiment is important, because it shows how great things may be done. It is the first landing of Columbus on Cat Island, with the whole New World before him. What has been done by and for a few Bakers may be done for the whole trade, and for almost if not quite all the other trades. The Tailors, Shoemakers, Hatters, Carpenters, Masons, Printers, &c. &c. stand on substantially the same ground, are subject to the same necessities, and have like means of overcoming them. Not by Striking for Wages—though that is sometimes indispensable—but by striking down the system of Wages, by devising and reducing to practice a manifestly preferable substitute therefor, is the Emancipation of Labor to be effected. And thus it is to be, will be, effected. The present agitation, investigation, general arousing, among the Hired Workers of our City cannot be fruitless. Thousands may have been moved by and drawn into it who mean nothing, or who have no distinct, well-defined purpose; but the movement is not in their hands, and cannot be quashed by their defection. Its course is steadily upward and onward, until Labor shall be rendered its own master and secured the entire fruits of its exertions. There will be failures, and foibles, and follies, and mistakes, but in spite of all the good work will go on.

—Meantime, the efforts of the Workers to improve their condition permanently and by means not inconsistent with, but conducive to, the well-being of other classes, are sneered at in the fashionable Religious and Literary periodicals of our day after the following precious sample:

From the Protestant Magazine.
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOCIETY.
A PATRIOTIC ROMANCE.
When others, once as poor as I,
Are growing rich because they try,
While my capacity will still
Give me a taste for sitting still;
When all around me are at work,
While I prefer to act the Turk,
Or spend in drinking or at play,
The greater part of every day;
And, as the upshot of it, feel
That I must either starve or steal;
The only remedy I see
For such abuses is the re-
construction of society.
Construction of society.

When others know what I know not,
Or hear in mind what I forgot
An age ago, and dare to speak
In praise of Latin and of Greek,
As if a tongue unknown to me
Of any earthly use could be;
When bookworms are allowed to rule
In University and School,
While I, because I am a fool,
Or happen, by the merest chance,
To have learned nothing save to dance,
Am set aside, or thrust away,
Or not allowed to have my say;
The only remedy I see
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—Whoever is as hungry for more of this detectable effusion of Princeton piety, may find it at length in the last New-York Observer.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

Telegraph Deranged.

During the thunder storm last evening the telegraph became so deranged that no news could be received by it. The following dispatches had reached us before the storm began.

The Foote and Benton Affair.

By Special Telegram to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 4.

Mr. GRUNDY testified to-day before the Committee of the Senate to investigate the frauds between Foote and Benton, that he had been told by Mr. Foote that REVERDY JOHNSON, Senator Pratt of Maryland to see him (Foote) for the purpose of advising him to arm himself before going into the Senate on the day of the fraud, as Mr. BENTON meant to attack him.

Mr. BENTON says he is now after higher game than Foote.

Mr. WEBSTER has a long speech prepared upon his bill for giving the Public Lands in limited quantities to actual settlers. He will deliver it by next Thursday, if not before.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

By Telegraph exclusively to The Tribune.

HARRISBURG, Saturday, May 4.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A new bill was this morning read by Sylvester Ceyland, in his place, to divorce Edwin Forrest.

The Lancaster County Bank bill passed finally, after long debate, by a vote of 40 to 31. The West Branch Bank, Williamsport, was defeated by 35 to 34; the Kensington Bank defeated by 40 to 35.

The Joint Committee of Conference has been appointed relative to the Apportionment bill, consisting on the part of the Senate of Messrs. Fairley, Sankey and Sadder; on the part of the House, of Messrs. Porter, Rhey and Hallenman.

A resolution relative to Woodworth's patent, instructing Senators and Members of Congress, passed the House.

DAUPHIN.

Professor Webster's Case, &c.

Boston, Saturday, May 4.

The hearing in the case of the Writ of Error relative to Webster, took place in the Judge's Lobby. No decision will be announced for several days.

The ship Brighton, at New Bedford, from the Pacific Ocean, (no date,) lat. 30 35 N. lon. 67 40 W. passed what appeared to be a steamer's deck-beam, with a large iron brace attached. Supposed to belong to the steamer Rhode Island.

Latest European News.

By Electric Telegraph from London to Liverpool.

LONDON, April 29—1 P. M.

Consols 96.

PARIS, Friday.—Fives closed 89, and more cheerful, owing to certainty of Leclerc's election.

No news.

GREECE, ATHENS, 8th.—Admiral Sir W. Parker still retains the captured vessels. The secret diplomatic conference still continued.

HAMBURG.—Letters of yesterday not yet arrived.

FLOODING IN THE NAVY.—We are glad to see public attention awakened at the Capital in regard to the inhumanities that are disgracing our Navy.

The Evening Journal of Friday contains the call for a public meeting, signed by a large number of influential citizens of Albany. WATSON G. HAYNES is there laboring diligently in behalf of the Reform he is endeavoring to accomplish. The meeting is called for this (Monday) evening, and will undoubtedly be an earnest and powerful demonstration.

Mr. Edward Remondy, the violinist, would write to his brother, who has not heard from him for two months past, and who feels somewhat anxious on this account, he would greatly oblige him by addressing his letters to C. A. Remondy, 47 Bond-st. New-York.

New-Orleans, Mobile and other Southern papers are peculiarly requested to copy this.

NAVAL.—The United States sloop-of-war Marion, sailed from Rio de Janeiro, 18th March, having lost one passed Midshipman, and several of the crew with the fever. The United States store-ship Lexington was in port 24th March with the fever very bad on board, had lost one Midshipman.

LIEUT. GILLIS.—The following abstract from a letter from Lieut Gillis has lately been received by a gentleman in this vicinity, and will be read with interest by men of science:

SANTIAGO (DE CHILE), Dec. 30, 1849.

I do not know whether the honorable Secretary of the Navy has made public any of my letters, but I take it for granted the locale of our observations is pretty generally known. The climate appears very favorable to observations, and we have lost only three nights since commencing differential measures with Mars on the 10th inst.—our observations, made by Young, of Philadelphia, working very well. The meridian circle from Berlin reached us safely yesterday. It is a most superb instrument, of three feet diameter, elaborately finished and exquisitely packed.

MARRIED.

In Providence, R. I., Thursday evening, May 2, EDWIN M. SNOW, M. D. of Providence, to Miss ANN ELIZA W. daughter of J. Pike, Esq.

In Providence, April 23, Rev. S. J. Jones, M. B. INCH, to Miss Anna Maria, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. John Chester, formerly of Albany.

DIED.

LAWRENCE, wife of John Lawrence, in the 32nd year of her age.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at the house of Mr. Lawrence, on Monday, 8th inst, at 2 o'clock.

Gov. George's papers please copy.

In Brooklyn, on Saturday, May 4, GEORGE C. MILLS, aged 21.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, 7th inst, at 4 o'clock P. M. from the residence of the family, at the house of Mr. Lawrence, on Monday, 8th inst, at 2 o'clock.

May 4, MICHAEL LADEN, in the 5th year of his age.

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